

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor(s), I (We) hereby declare that:

My (Our) residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my (our) name(s). I (We) believe I (we) am (are) the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

ZIPPER STRIP AND METHOD OF POSITIONING THE STRIP TRANSVERSE LONGITUDINAL AXIS, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following is checked:

— was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application

Number or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_

and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I (We) hereby state that I (we) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I (We) acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

| PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) |         |            |  |                  |
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| NUMBER                       | COUNTRY | DATE FILED |  | PRIORITY CLAIMED |
|                              |         |            |  | YES NO           |
|                              |         |            |  | YES NO           |
|                              |         |            |  | YES NO           |

I (We) hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

| APPLICATION NO. | FILING DATE  | STATUS                          |
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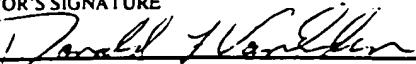
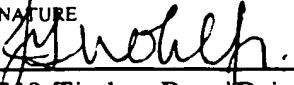
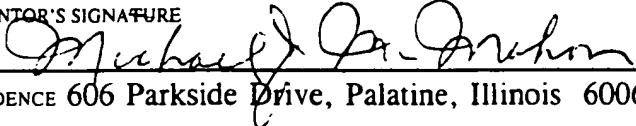
I (We) hereby declare that all statements made herein of my (our) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I (We) hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Joseph C. Sullivan, Registration No. 18,720; John Kurucz, Registration No. 18,688; Gerald Levy, Registration No. 24,419; Joseph T. Eisele, Registration No. 25,331; Ronald R. Santucci, Registration No. 28,988; Ronald E. Brown, Registration No. 32,200; John Gulbin, Registration No. 33,180; and Richard J. Danyko, Registration No. 33,672. \*I (We) further authorize my (our) attorney to insert the proper serial number and filing date awarded to my (our) application on this document, above my (our) signature(s).

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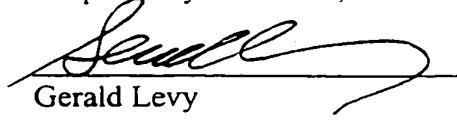
SIR:

I hereby appoint Thomas W. Buckman (Registration Number 25,756), Donald J. Breh (Registration Number 30,159), John P. O'Brien (Registration Number 22,764) and Mark W. Croll (Registration Number 31,098), as my associate attorneys in the above-entitled application, to inspect and prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office.

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## ASSIGNMENT

FOR ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we,

**Art Malin, Donald L. Van Erden, James G. Kohl, Jr. and Michael J. McMahon**

being the inventor of certain improvements in

# ZIPPER STRIP AND METHOD OF POSITIONING THE STRIP TRANSVERSE LONGITUDINAL AXIS

hereby assign unto

## ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

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our entire right, title and interest in and to such invention, together with the patent rights and rights of protection to the same throughout the world, including any patent rights which may result from the application for United States Letters Patent executed on even date herewith and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted thereon; said invention, application and Letters Patent that may be granted thereon; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by the said assignee for its own use and behoof and for the use and behoof of its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term from which said Letters Patent or other rights of protection may be granted, as fully and as entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and seal this day  
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